



PURPLE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The Training and Education Committee of the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission is proud to announce the inaugural Purple Ribbon of Excellence Award. The Purple Ribbon of Excellence recognizes programs exhibiting excellence in community education, outreach, and prevention related to domestic and sexual violence. The purpose of the award is twofold: 1) To convey appreciation and recognition upon extraordinary education and prevention programs; 2) To further the domestic and sexual violence movements by showcasing and promoting effective community education, outreach, and prevention initiatives.

All domestic and/or sexual violence organizations in the state of North Carolina with community education, outreach, and/or prevention programs are invited to compete for the award. Candidates will compete by demonstrating the impact of their community education, outreach, and/or prevention programs on domestic and/or sexual violence. Applicants may choose how best to demonstrate impact, whether through qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, or other means. Applicants may demonstrate how programs are making a difference in schools, workplaces, communities, or other systems. Domestic and/or sexual violence organizations may nominate their own programs for consideration. Community partner nominations of outstanding partner programs are also welcome.

Applications for the Purple Ribbon of Excellence are available via the North Carolina Council for Women website: www.councilforwomen.nc.gov. The Training and Education Committee of the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission will accept applications beginning March 1, 2016 and ending June 1, 2016. The committee will select both domestic violence and sexual violence award recipients by October 1, 2016. All award recipients will be invited to attend a ceremony in Raleigh, NC where they will be presented with the Purple Ribbon of Excellence. The Training and Education Committee will contact media in each recipient's service area for recognition of their award status. The award recipients will also be featured on the Council for Women's website.

Visit the North Carolina Council for Women's website to access award application materials. Direct questions about this award to Elyse Hamilton-Childres at elyse.hamilton-childres@doa.nc.gov or 704-563-3700.

Please spread the word about the Purple Ribbon of Excellence. The North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission looks forward to recognizing the outstanding education, outreach, and prevention efforts occurring throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Education and Training Committee
North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission